

PRESIDENT'S HEALTH IS GOOD.

HE TRANSACTS CONSIDERABLE ROUTINE BUSINESS.

But Cannot Move About His Room Without Assistance—He Will Probably Return to Oyster Bay as Soon as He Can Walk.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—President Roosevelt transacted a good deal of official routine business today, although he is still unable to leave his room or even to move about the apartment without assistance. He signed a large number of letters and official documents and considered a number of matters of administration business that were brought to his attention by Secretary Cortelyou and members of the cabinet. The President's condition continued satisfactory today and his general health is good.

The President, accompanied by Mrs. Roosevelt, will probably return to Oyster Bay as soon as he is sufficiently recovered to walk about and use his injured leg with satisfaction. He will probably return to Washington to take up his permanent residence after the November elections. The length of the President's visit will depend upon his recovery.

Edith, the younger daughter of the President, and Mrs. Roosevelt, accompanied by Archibald and a maid, will reach Washington on Tuesday so that they may attend school. Edith will attend the Episcopal school, located on the outskirts of Washington, which she attended last year, and Archibald will again enter the Episcopal school in the city. The President's daughter, Mrs. Roosevelt, will attend the same school. The President's daughter, Mrs. Roosevelt, will attend the same school. The President's daughter, Mrs. Roosevelt, will attend the same school.

DIPLOMATIC CHANGES.

Ambassadors Tower and Metcalf Change Places Storer to Austria.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—The long expected series of changes in our diplomatic representation in Europe was announced today when the President made the following transfers and appointments:

Charles Macdonald, of Pennsylvania, Ambassador to Russia, to be Ambassador to Germany.

Robert S. McCormick, of Illinois, Ambassador to Austria-Hungary, to be Ambassador to Russia.

Bellamy Storer, of Ohio, Minister to Spain, to be Ambassador to Austria-Hungary.

Arthur S. Hardy, of New Hampshire, Minister to Switzerland, to be Minister to Spain.

Charles Page Ryan, of Illinois, Minister to Brazil, to be Minister to Switzerland.

David E. Thompson, of Nebraska, to be Minister to Brazil.

The only new appointee is Mr. Thompson as Minister to Brazil.

LINCOLN, Neb., Sept. 26.—David E. Thompson, formerly of Nebraska, is Minister to Brazil for six years. He was a candidate for United States Senator in the Republican caucus before the last session of the Legislature. Mr. Thompson said this evening that the news of his appointment came as a surprise to him, and he was not prepared to say that he would accept. Mr. Thompson's business interests in Nebraska are extensive. One of his latest enterprises is the establishment in Lincoln of an evening newspaper, the first issue of which is to appear next week.

NO MORE MARINES NEEDED.

Force Now on the Isthmus Sufficient to Keep Traffic Open.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—The present indications are that it will not be necessary to send an additional force of marines to Colombia at this time. Capt. McLean has advised the Navy Department that the Governor of Panama has protested against the force now on the Isthmus. The Governor insisted that the Colombian troops were in sufficient force to maintain order on the Isthmus and keep the traffic open, but that they did not satisfy Capt. McLean, and that the United States must maintain a sufficient force to maintain order on the Isthmus and keep the traffic open.

A dispatch was received at the Bureau of Navigation this afternoon from Capt. McLean, in which he said that the force now on the Isthmus would be sufficient. An official statement issued at the Navy Department today.

Accordingly no more marines need be sent unless some unforeseen contingency arises. It is thought that the marine battalion now being assembled at Norfolk will probably not have to be sent to the Isthmus.

Nothing was received at the State Department today from the series of the revolution in Colombia, nor were any reports received as to the progress of the insurrection in Venezuela.

A BOX OF CURABLE SALVE.

Postmaster-General Payne Gets It by Mail and Will "Try It on the Dog."

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—A package addressed to Postmaster-General Henry C. Payne and containing a box of salve guaranteed to cure all physical ailments, from toothache to chilblains, was received at the Post Office Department today from Magnus A. Hess, of Chicago, who calls himself "The Original McKinley Man."

In an explanatory note Hess says the salve was made by his sister-in-law, who is a seventh daughter of a seventh daughter, and derives added virtue from the fact, besides possessing marvelous curative powers through the combination of simple remedies of which it is made. If the Postmaster-General is afflicted with the stomachache, the letter says, he is to apply a small portion of the salve with a rotary motion, and the quick results are promised to exceed those obtained by the use of any panacea taken internally.

Mr. Payne will follow the ancient rule of "trying it on the dog," and the first one of his messengers is afflicted with a pain the salve will be used and its results noted.

Death of Lieut.-Col. Forsyth.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—The War Department was informed today of the death of Lieut.-Col. Lewis C. Forsyth, retired, Col. Forsyth died at the Sweet Chalybeate Springs, Va., where he had been ill for some time. He was born in Michigan and was appointed to the army from the District of Columbia. During the Civil War he served as a Quartermaster in the Regular army. He was promoted to be Lieutenant-Colonel in June, 1897.

Movements of Naval Vessels.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—The training ship Essex has arrived at Yorktown, the training ship Lancaster at Fort Monroe, and the gunboat Yorktown at Woonung.

The training ship Prairie has sailed from Boston for League Island, the battleship Iowa from Montevideo for Bahia, the cruiser Albany from Mexico for Cienfuegos, the cruiser New York from Cienfuegos for Saginaw, and the collier Leonidas from Saginaw for Cape Haytien.

AGAINST PARTISAN ACTIVITY.

Warning to Officers and Employees of the War Department.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—Acting Secretary of War Sanger has issued a circular of warning to officers and employees of the War Department against political assessments and partisan activity. The circular quotes from the laws of Congress on the subject, and invites attention to the following extracts from executive instructions on the question of partisan activity.

Officers are the agents of the people, not their masters. Not only is their time and labor due to the government, but they should scrupulously avoid, in their political action as well as in the discharge of their official duty, any display of partisan activity. They should avoid, in their political action as well as in the discharge of their official duty, any display of partisan activity. They should avoid, in their political action as well as in the discharge of their official duty, any display of partisan activity.

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FIGHTING NEAR CAPE HAYTIEN.

Rebels Reported in a Series of Engagements—Blockade of Ports Not Effective.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—Several days ago Minister Powell at Hayti called that the Haytian Government announced the closing of the ports of Gonaves and St. Marc. Minister Powell was asked for a supplemental report as to the effectiveness of the blockade of these ports, which have been in possession of the insurgents.

Secretary Moore also asked the commander of the Montgomery at Cape Haytien to report on the same subject and this afternoon his report was received at the Bureau of Navigation.

Blockade not effective. The position of the insurgents is at a distance of sixteen miles from Cape Haytien. The Haytian troops are now concentrated. A series of engagements have taken place, resulting in a victory for the Haytian troops.

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LIGHT ON A JERSEY MYSTERY.

POSTMASTER GARDNER PROBABLY KILLED HARRY YOUNG.

Young Was Found Dead at Millville Three Weeks Ago, a Bullet Wound in His Breast—The Night Before Gardner Took Two Shots at a Burglar.

VIRLAND, N. J., Sept. 26.—The mystery surrounding the killing of Harry Young, the tramp, harnessmaker, whose body, with a bullet wound in the breast, was found at Millville three weeks ago, has at last been solved.

It is believed that Young received his wound at the hands of Postmaster Theodore A. Gardner of South Virland, who mistook him for a burglar. Gardner, who conducts a grocery store, is one of the most prominent citizens of South Virland.

Theodore A. Gardner could not be found at his home today, but his son, Sidney, said his father has for the past two weeks been visiting in New York. When questioned regarding the shooting of Young, Sidney Gardner refused to talk, but he finally made a full explanation in the following statement:

About 1 o'clock in the morning of Sept. 8, father and I heard a noise on our front porch which sounded as if a robber was trying to get into the store. We quickly dressed ourselves, and after father procured his revolver we went down stairs and out of the house in search of the supposed burglar.

But father had been mistaken. The burglar, who was under the floor of the porch, however, and father called out, warning the man to go away or he would shoot. After waiting a few minutes and hearing no response father fired twice at the intruder, under the porch. After listening a few minutes longer and hearing no further noise father and I went into the house and back to bed again.

The next day the corpse of Harry Young was found at Millville in the rear of a row of buildings known as "Yellow Hell." Death was apparently the result of a bullet wound in the breast under the arm. The fact that the coat worn by Young showed no signs of a bullet hole puzzled the police, and led many to believe that the bullet had been shot while attempting a robbery.

The hearing of pistol shots by neighbors of Gardner at South Virland aroused little comment until after the news of the finding of Young's body at Millville. Then the story slowly leaked out.

The fact that Gardner left home after the shooting and did not return until the next day, in the opinion of people here, has realized what he had done as soon as he heard of Young's death. Although Gardner's son says he is in New York, he is known to be stopping with his cousin, Dwight C. Thompson, in Gardenville, about ten miles from Middletown, N. Y.

RESTORING CHINA'S RAILWAY.

Russia Pleases the Officials by Her Present Action.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

PEKING, Sept. 26.—Despatches from Newchwang say the Shanhaikwan-Newchwang railway is being restored to the Chinese by the Russians by sections. The intention is to complete the transfer of the entire road by Sunday next.

The announcement made yesterday that one section of the road was secretly restored to the Chinese by the Russians on Sept. 23 was received with surprise. Both Russia and France will gain in the estimation of the Chinese from their recent attitude regarding the restoration of the railway.

Yung Lu, the First Grand Secretary and Wang Wen Shue, another Grand Secretary and Director of the board of Railways and Mines, express themselves as highly pleased at Russia's treatment of China in the matter of restoring the railway.

MARINI WON'T TAKE THE OATH.

Former Filipino Chief Left on the Island of Guam.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

MANILA, Sept. 26.—Thirty-five Filipinos who were exiled to the Island of Guam on various charges were brought back here today on the transport Sheridan. Two of the exiles obtained employment on the Island of Guam and decided to remain there.

Señor Mabini, the former Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Philippine Government, is an "irrevocable exile." He refused to take the oath of allegiance to the United States and was not brought back with the others.

All the former prisoners who were returned under the President's proclamation of amnesty appear to be in good health. Two of the prisoners died on the island.

BETTER OUTLOOK FOR CUBA.

Sugar Planters Can Now See a Profit Ahead on This Year's Crop.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

HAVANA, Sept. 26.—It is said that the outlook for the Cuban sugar industry is better, owing to the estimated decrease in the European output of beet sugar. The price is now about 1 1/2 cents per arroba. A real is worth 12 1/2 cents in Spanish gold, and an arroba is equal to 25 pounds. It is said that the planters will make a profit if they are able to sell their product at three reales per arroba.

It is estimated that, if good weather prevails, the coming crop will amount to 900,000 tons, but nothing is certain as yet.

EARTHQUAKE KILLED 667.

One Thousand More Were Injured in Chinese Turkestan.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

SIMLA, Sept. 26.—The earthquake that occurred at Kachgar, Chinese Turkestan, on Aug. 22 was more disastrous than at first reported. It is now stated that 667 persons lost their lives and that 1,000 were injured.

REFIT TO RIDE IN FRANCE.

American Jockey Receives Retainer of \$2,500 From M. Blanc.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Sept. 27.—The Sportsman says that M. Edmond Blanc, the well-known French owner of race horses, has made a contract with Johnny Reiff to ride his horses in France. Reiff has received a retainer of \$2,500.

French Army Officer Dismissed.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

PARIS, Sept. 26.—A court-martial at Nantes, which has been listening to evidence in the case of Commandant Leroy Ladurie of the Nineteenth Infantry, who was arrested on a charge of failing to obey an order to close unauthorized schools, today found the officer guilty and condemned him to dismissal from the army. The vote was 8 to 1 in favor of dismissal.

The Pennsylvania Rescues Shipwrecked Crew.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

SOUTHAMPTON, Sept. 26.—The Hamburg-American line steamship Pennsylvania, from New York Sept. 16, which arrived here today, rescued the crew of the Norwegian bark Botnia, Capt. Hansen, which left Alga Bay, South Africa, on April 7 for Bridgewater, Nova Scotia. The Botnia was abandoned in the Atlantic two days ago.

ILL-TREATMENT OF JEWS.

Roumania Law as to Taking the Oath When a Jew Sues or is Sued.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

VIENNA, Sept. 26.—A disclosure of the conditions under which Jews live in Roumania is appearing in the *Pester Lloyd*. It includes an account of an amazing oath in the alleged Jewish style which the courts of Roumania are entitled to impose where one litigant is a Christian and the other a Jew. The Jew is compelled to put on his ritual grave clothes, his wife is cut out and placed in a coffin, which is set before the altar in a synagogue, where the rabbi has to invoke curses and maledictions upon him and every member of his family unless he tells the truth and nothing but the truth.

The man in the open coffin is bound to repeat these curses upon himself. If he fails to do so he loses the lawsuit against the Christian.

This barbarous ceremony is conducted before the whole community. The synagogue must remain open to every non-Jew wishing to enter.

This method of administering an oath fell into disuse some years ago, but it is still the law and a number of anti-Semitic judges revived it last year. Dr. Nachi, the rabbi at Fokshani, refused to countenance the shameful ceremony. His refusal led to a controversy as to whether this was the Jewish style of oath contained in the Mishnah.

The rabbi at Bucharest and a number of others proved that it was not and a movement was started to have it abolished by the legislature. This was without result, and consequently a Jew may be compelled to take oath in the foregoing manner if the Christian litigant desires it and the judge consents.

This contemptuous attitude of Roumanian legislation to the Jewish race led to the emigration of the younger and ablest men. Now that Roumanian Jews have refused to take the oath in the foregoing manner, it is difficult to say what they will do. The action of the United States does not appear to have had even a moral effect.

As a matter of fact, not a single Continental Power has done anything. The only step taken is that Roumania has sent to the Marquis of Lansdowne, the British Foreign Secretary, a long statement of its position toward the Jews and a king if the British Government concurred in the circular of Mr. Hay, the American Secretary of State. It is understood that the Marquis of Lansdowne will send a long reply to the communication.

TO REPLACE OUR COTTON.

British Mill Owners Urge to Encourage Its Growth in the Colonies.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Sept. 26.—It is reported that the Government is assisting with money and advice a movement started by the Lancashire cotton spinners to obtain raw material from British territories.

Hitherto five-sixths of the cotton used has been obtained from the United States. Partial failure of the crops for three years and speculative manipulation of prices have produced an alarming shortage.

The English manufacturers have consequently formed the British Cotton Growers' Association. Colonial Secretary Chamberlain and the colonial Governors are going to help the movement.